

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 17, 2002**. Farmers are anxious to get back into the fields to finish harvesting and fall plantings. Soil moisture was rated 34 percent adequate and 66 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	79	65	99	99	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Harvested	98	96	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	85	81	99	97	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	97	94	100	97	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	58	42	93	89	0	4	63	28	5
	Emerged	39	25	67	71					
Cattle						1	4	21	62	12
						Short		Adequate		Surplus
Hay Supply								56		44
Feed Grain						2		93		5

County Agent Comments

“Rain stopped all fieldwork, but rainfall was light and growers should be back in the field Monday. Most of the crops are out. Soybeans were damaged from staying the field too long.”

— Don Respess, Bolivar County

“Over a third of our soybean crop is still in the field. Soybeans are deteriorating fast. A good portion of our cotton is still in the field. It has rained every week for the last 2 months. On average we have had 2 or 3 days of harvesting each week.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica County

“We were able to harvest most of the week, but rain Friday morning stopped things. The cotton is yielding well, but quality is very poor.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada County

“Progress continued to be made at mudding out the crops. Several producers completed cotton and soybean harvest during the past week. The crops remaining in the field are found on heavy soils, which stays wet this time of the year. Some soybeans will not be harvested due to very poor quality.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Cotton harvesting is almost complete, however rains have stopped farming activities in Madison County. Blast disease on ryegrass continue to hamper producers.”

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

“Wet, wet, and wet is what producers are having to deal with. Rains have prevented producers from applying nitrogen, and fall planted grasses are beginning to show signs of nitrogen depletion. Blast has affected early planted grass, and some may even have to be replanted or over seeded. Soybeans are still in the fields and wheat planting has been delayed due to the wet conditions.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Got back to harvest Tuesday through Thursday and rain moved in on Friday.”

— Terry Rector, Warren County

“Some cotton and peanuts will have to be left in the field due to wet conditions. Cattlemen are encouraged by somewhat higher prices. Hay supplies should be more than adequate this year. Some ryegrass for cattle and food plots for deer have died due to blast disease.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Weather Summary from November 11, 2002 to November 17, 2002 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	81	31	49	53	-4	0.30	-1.02	1	3.40				
Cleveland	83	31	53	53	0	0.19	-1.24	3	3.75				
Tunica	82	36	54	52	+2	1.03	-0.26	2	3.55				
Extreme/Average	83	31	52	54	-2	0.51	-0.73	2	3.57				
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				50		1.14E	-0.16	3	3.76E				
Memphis	66	31	49	53	-4	0.65	-0.72	1	3.44				
Oxford	84	27	51	51	0	0.75	-0.53	3	3.59				
Extreme/Average	84	27	50	53	-3	0.85	-0.44	2	3.60				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	30	50	51	-1	0.98	-0.32	3	4.79				
Corinth				53		0.83	-0.53	3	4.17				
Iuka	80	24	47	49	-2	1.54	+0.20	3	5.93				
Pontotoc				53		0.64E	-0.48	4	5.04E				
Tupelo	68	32	49	52	-3	0.51	-0.65	1	4.67				
Verona				52		0.79	-0.31	3	6.42				
Extreme/Average	84	24	49	53	-4	0.93	-0.29	3	5.20				
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				55					0.10				
Rolling Fork				55	-2	0.31	-0.82	1	5.58				0.08
Stoneville	86	32	53	54	-1	0.17	-1.07	1	3.61	73	52	67	
Yazoo City	84	33	53	54	-1	0.17	-1.07	1	3.61		45	57	
Yazoo City	85	34	54	56	-2	1.99	+0.79	2	8.51				
Extreme/Average	86	32	53	56	-3	0.82	-0.40	1	5.90		45	62	0.08
5. Central													
Carthage	85	30	53	55	-2	1.19	-0.06	4	8.72				
Greenwood	67	31	50	55	-5	0.33	-0.82	1	4.39				
Jackson	74	32	52	55	-3	1.49	+0.30	2	7.85				
Winona	65	28	47	51	-4	0.51	-0.67	3	6.32				
Extreme/Average	85	28	51	55	-4	0.88	-0.24	3	6.82				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	84	37	55			0.40	-0.71	1	2.29	65	52	57	
Columbus				54		0.70	-0.53	1	3.86				
State University	84	32	53	54	-1	2.55	+1.45	3	7.00	68	50	58	0.10
Extreme/Average	84	32	54	55	-1	1.22	+0.14	2	4.38	68	50	58	0.10
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	33	53	57	-4	2.55	+1.47	2	9.85	76	48	62	
Natchez	85	31	55	58	-3	0.15	-1.16	1	11.84				
Oakley	85	31	55	55	0	2.68	+1.46	4	11.42	71	53	62	
Vicksburg	84	35	55			0.91		2	9.39				
Extreme/Average	85	31	54	58	-4	1.57	+0.48	2	10.63	76	48	62	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	83	34	57	57	0	0.77	-0.39	3	6.53				
McComb	78	36	56	58	-2	0.20	-1.01	2	9.84				
Extreme/Average	83	34	57	58	-1	0.49	-0.55	3	8.19				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	84	32	57			1.75		3	7.61				
Hattiesburg	82	32	56	58	-2	1.66	+0.39	3	8.48				
Laurel	83	35	56	56	0	2.17	+1.01	4	5.51				
Meridian	74	32	53	56	-3	0.84	-0.33	3	8.35				
Newton	84	31	54	54	0	1.20	-0.04	3	7.32	70	50	60	0.13
Extreme/Average	84	31	55	57	-2	1.52	+0.48	3	7.45	70	50	60	0.13
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	82	35	58	60	-2	1.14	-0.12	1	5.02				
BiloxiAFB						1.80		2	6.88				
Gulfport	74	37	59	61	-2	2.83	+1.66	4	7.41				
Pascagoula	75	36	56			3.02		4	8.34				
Poplarville	82	33	58	59	-1	4.09	+2.97	3	12.09	72	57	64	
Extreme/Average	82	33	58	61	-3	2.58	+1.58	3	8.22	72	57	64	
State	86	24	53	56	-3	1.16	+0.04	2	6.63		45	61	0.10

DFN = Departure from Normal.